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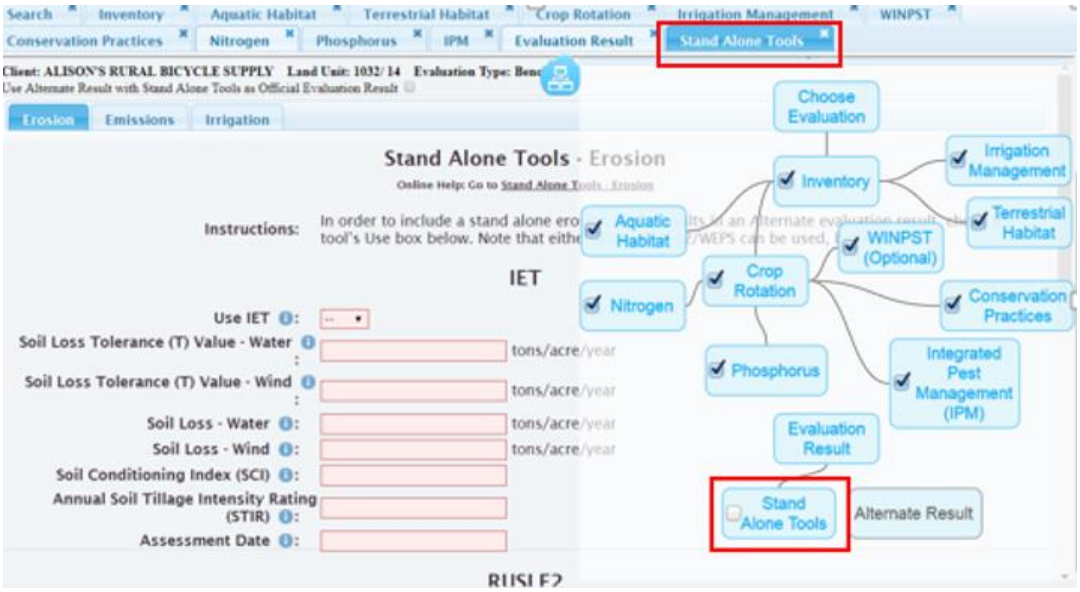
Stand Alone Tools Overview

The Stand Alone Tools tab allows optional override of some standard stewardship results with external tool results. The goal is to capture the most accurate characterization of stewardship. Optional override of standard stewardships results can be done on the Stand Alone Tools tab with the following options available:

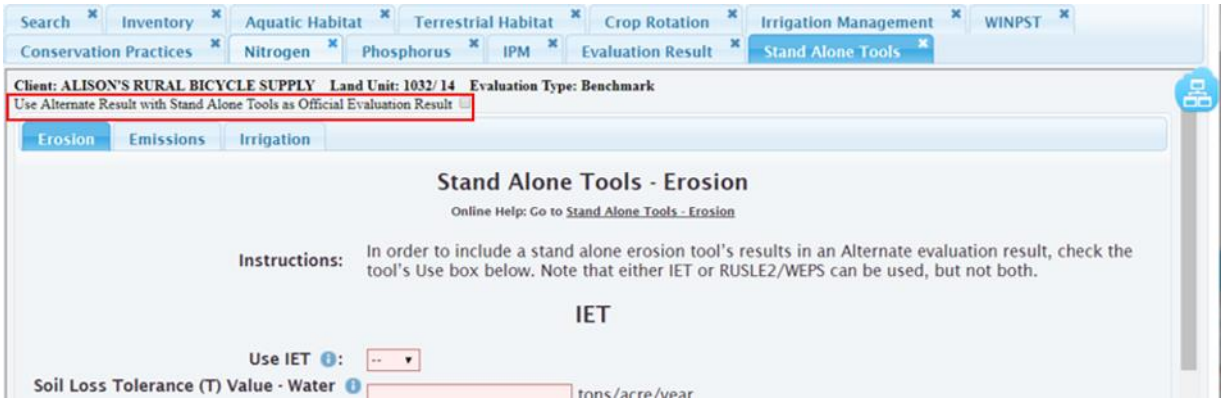
- Erosion Tools (IET, RUSLE2, WEPS)
- Emissions Tool (COMET)
- Irrigation (FIRI)

The standard Evaluation Result must be completed in Resource Stewardship in order to access the Stand Alone Tools option. Once you click on the Stand Alone Tools box in the Roadmap, the Stand Alone Tools tab will also appear at the top of the page (Click on the Roadmap icon to open and dismiss it).

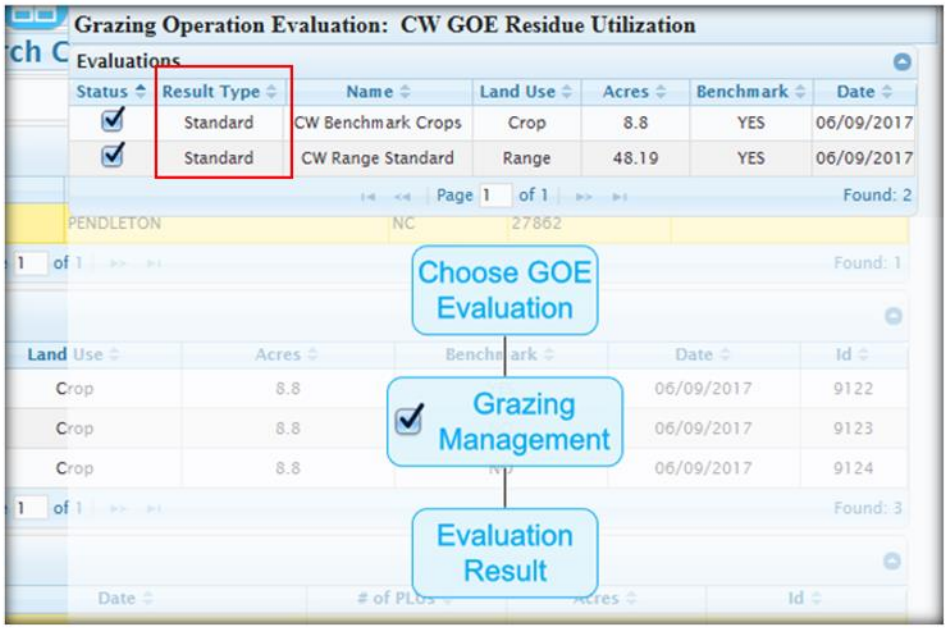


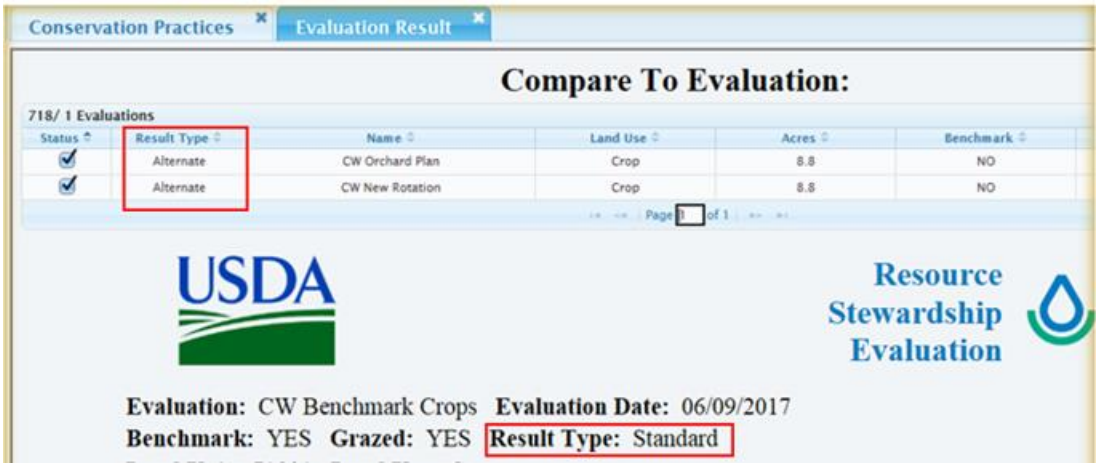
Stand Alone Tool Result vs. Standard Result?

While the result types from Stand Alone Tool results and standard results can be viewed in the working context of an individual evaluation, only one can be chosen as the official evaluation result. The official result is used for comparisons, when included in the Grazing Operation Evaluation (GOE), for reporting, and whenever one answer is needed. The default result type is standard. To set the Stand Alone Tool result as the official result type, click the **Use Alternate Result with Stand Alone Tools as Official Evaluation Result** box.



The official result type displayed (standard or alternate) can be found on the evaluation grids, roadmap, and final reports (see below for examples).

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Evaluation Result
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CW New Rotation
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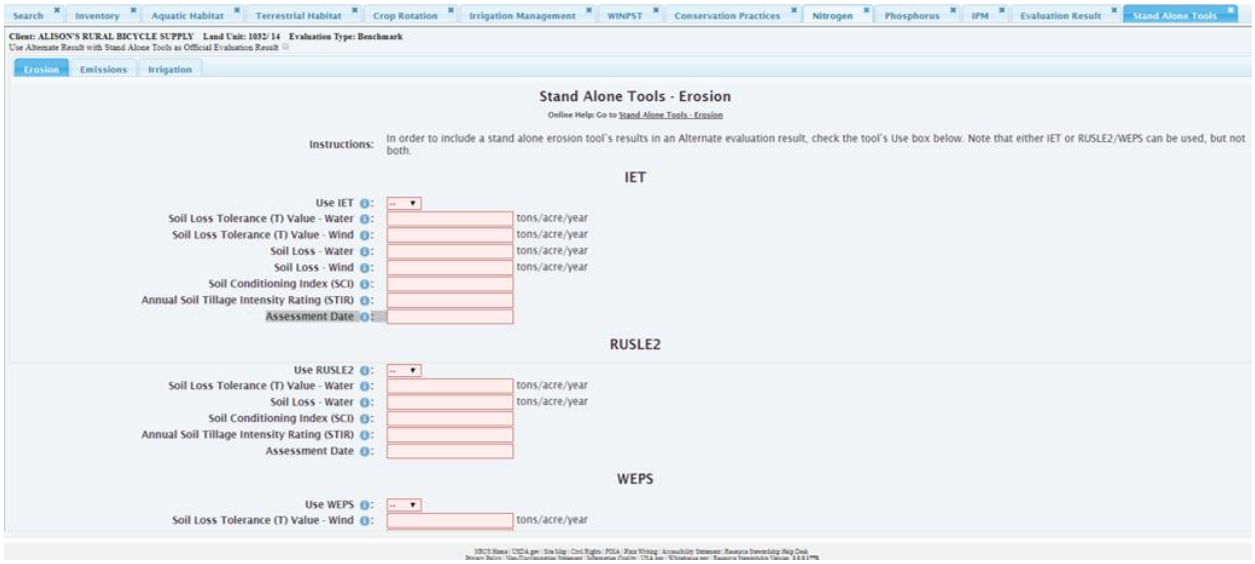
USDA
Resource Stewardship Evaluation
Evaluation: CW Benchmark Crops Evaluation Date: 06/09/2017
Benchmark: YES Grazed: YES Result Type: Standard

Erosion Stand Alone Tool

1. Select the **Stand Alone Tools** tab, then select **Erosion**.

2. Select **Yes** for the Erosion Stand Alone Tool that you would like to use and **No** for the tool(s) you do not want to use.

   Note: Either IET or RUSLE2/WEPS can be used, but not both. Resource Stewardship auto updates "Use" answers to maintain this constraint. Data entered is still stored in RS, even when not in "use".



IET Inputs

Use IET: Yes/No. Select Yes to use result in Alternative Evaluation

Soil Loss Tolerance (T) Value – Water: Number from 1 to 5

Soil Loss Tolerance (T) Value – Wind: Number from 1 to 5

Soil Loss – Water: Number from 0.01 to 99999.99 (two decimal places allowed)

Soil Loss – Wind: Number 0 to 200 (two decimal places allowed)

Assessment Date: MM/DD/YYYY

RUSLE2 Inputs

Use RUSLE2: Yes/No. Select Yes to use result in Alternative Evaluation

Soil Loss Tolerance (T) Value – Water: Number from 1 to 5

Soil Loss – Water: Number from 0.01 to 99999.99 (two decimal places allowed)

Soil Conditioning Index (SCI): Number from -20 to 20 (three decimal places allowed)

Annual Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR): Number 0 to 2000 (two decimal places allowed)

Assessment Date: MM/DD/YYYY

WEPS Inputs

Use WEPS: Yes/No. Select Yes to use result in Alternative Evaluation

Soil Loss Tolerance (T) Value – Wind: Number from 1 to 5

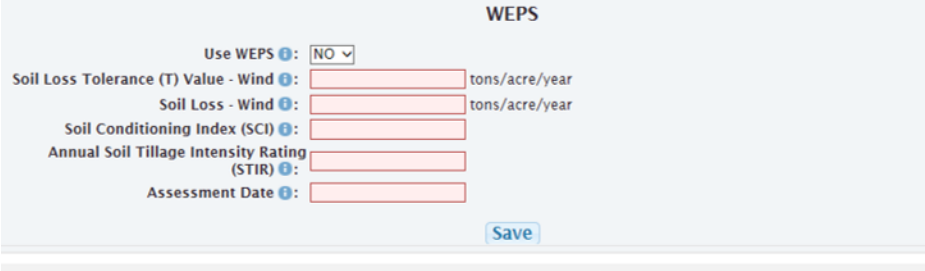
Soil Loss – Wind: Number from 0 to 200 (two decimal places allowed)

Soil Conditioning Index (SCI): Number from -20 to 20 (three decimal places allowed)

Annual Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR): Number 0 to 2000 (two decimal places allowed)

Assessment Date: MM/DD/YYYY

3. Input the information from IET or RUSLE2/WEPS into the corresponding Resource Stewardship input boxes.

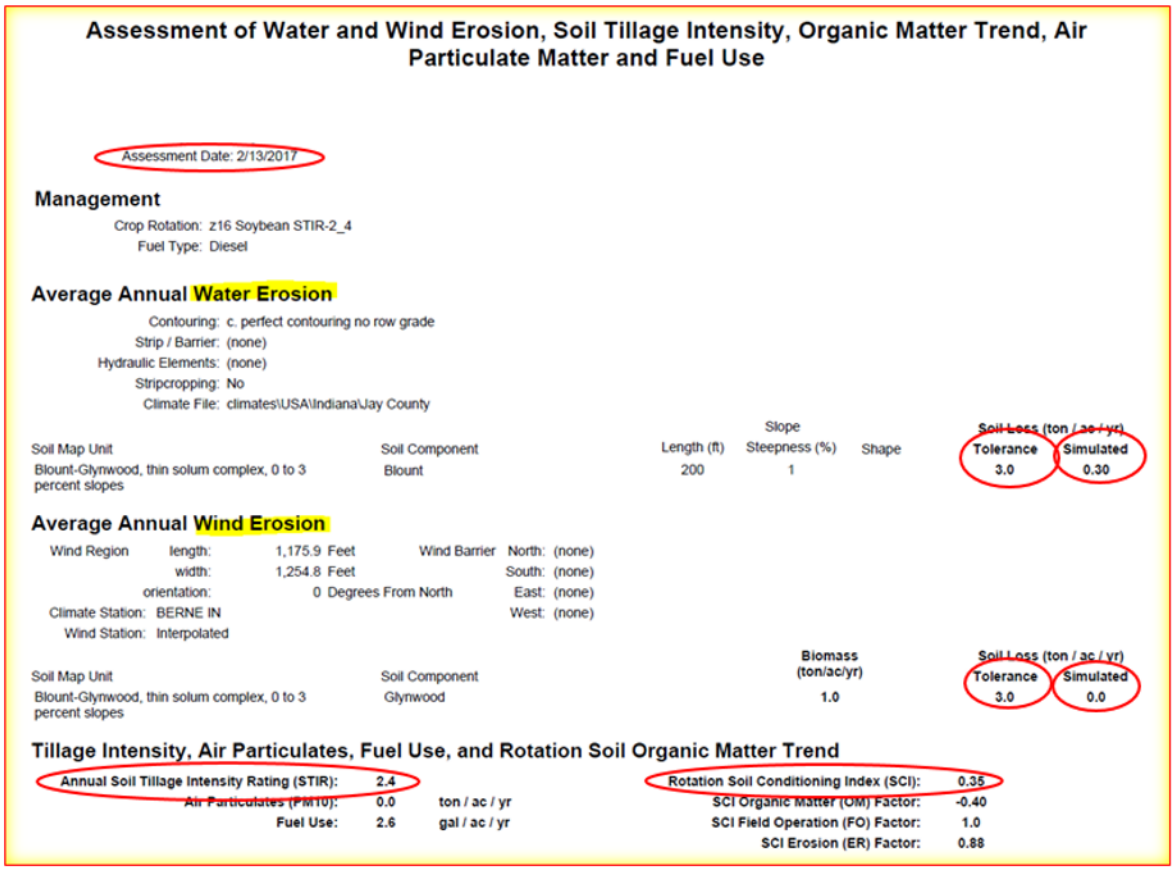


4. Check **Use Alternate Result with Stand Alone Tools as Official Evaluation Result** at the top of the page to use the Erosion Stand Alone Tool to replace the standard evaluation result.

5. Click **Save.**

See below for sample reports and where to locate corresponding information from each type of report to enter into RS.

Sample IET report and corresponding RS entries



Assessment of Water and Wind Erosion, Soil Tillage Intensity, Organic Matter Trend, Air Particulate Matter and Fuel Use

Assessment Date: 2/13/2017

Management

Crop Rotation: z16 Soybean STIR-2_4
Fuel Type: Diesel

Average Annual Water Erosion

Contouring: c. perfect contouring no row grade
Strip / Barrier: (none)
Hydraulic Elements: (none)
Stripcropping: No
Climate File: climates\USA\Indiana\Jay County

Soil Map Unit	Soil Component	Length (ft)	Slope Steepness (%)	Shape	Soil Loss (ton / ac / yr) Tolerance	Soil Loss (ton / ac / yr) Simulated
Blount-Glynwood, thin solum complex, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Blount	200	1		3.0	0.30

Average Annual Wind Erosion

Wind Region — length: 1,175.9 Feet; width: 1,254.8 Feet; orientation: 0 Degrees From North
Wind Barrier — North: (none); South: (none); East: (none); West: (none)
Climate Station: BERNE IN
Wind Station: Interpolated

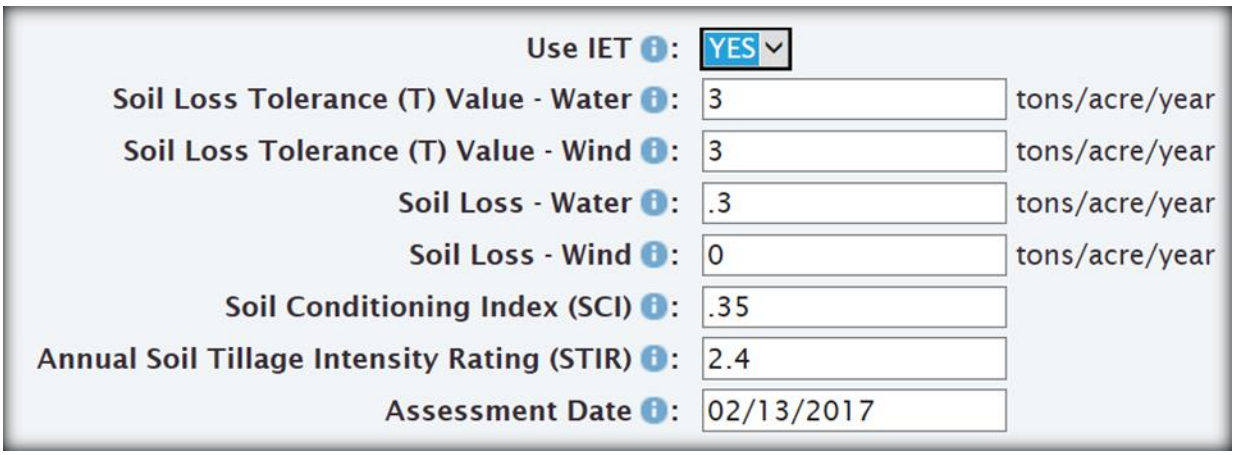
Soil Map Unit	Soil Component	Biomass (ton/ac/yr)	Soil Loss (ton / ac / yr) Tolerance	Soil Loss (ton / ac / yr) Simulated
Blount-Glynwood, thin solum complex, 0 to 3 percent slopes	Glynwood	1.0	3.0	0.0

Tillage Intensity, Air Particulates, Fuel Use, and Rotation Soil Organic Matter Trend

Annual Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR): 2.4
Air Particulates (PM10): 0.0 ton / ac / yr
Fuel Use: 2.6 gal / ac / yr

Rotation Soil Conditioning Index (SCI): 0.35
SCI Organic Matter (OM) Factor: -0.40
SCI Field Operation (FO) Factor: 1.0
SCI Erosion (ER) Factor: 0.88

Corresponding RS entries



Use IET:	YES	
Soil Loss Tolerance (T) Value - Water:	3	tons/acre/year
Soil Loss Tolerance (T) Value - Wind:	3	tons/acre/year
Soil Loss - Water:	.3	tons/acre/year
Soil Loss - Wind:	0	tons/acre/year
Soil Conditioning Index (SCI):	.35	
Annual Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR):	2.4	
Assessment Date:	02/13/2017	

Key data from IET reports can override the following RS Key Indicators:

- Wind erosion
- Water erosion
- Soil carbon

Sample RUSLE2 report and corresponding RS entries

RUSLE2 Profile Erosion Calculation Record

Owner/Operator: Tract: Field:

Inputs:

Location: USA\Nebraska\Kearney County
Soil: Nebraska Soils\Kearney County, Nebraska\4834 Valentine loamy fine sand, rolling\Valentine loamy fine sand 98%
Slope length (along slope): 150 ft
Avg. slope steepness: 6.0 %

Management	*Vegetation*	*Yield units*	*# yield units, #/a*
managements\CMZ 24\c.Other Local Mgt Records\corn soybean\100% NT, anhydrous	vegetations\Corn, grain	bushels	112.00
managements\CMZ 24\c.Other Local Mgt Records\corn soybean\100% NT, anhydrous	vegetations\Soybean, mw 30 in rows	bu	30.000

Contouring: a. rows up-and-down hill
Strips/barriers: (none)
Diversion/terrace, sediment basin: (none)
Adjust res. burial level: bury 30% more than normal

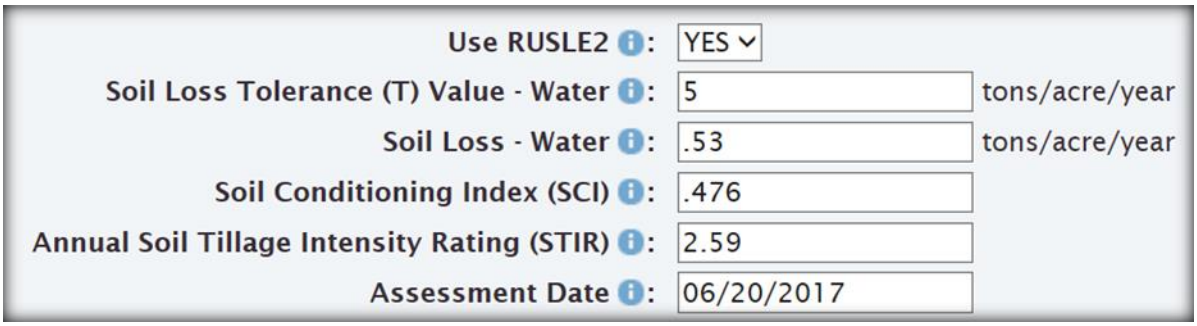
Outputs:

Date	*Operation*	*Vegetation*	*Surf. res. cov. after op, %*
4/20/0	Planter, double disk opnr w/fluted coulter	Corn, grain	44
10/20/0	Harvest, killing crop 50pct standing stubble		71
5/10/1	Planter, double disk opnr w/fluted coulter	Soybean, mw 30 in rows	57
10/10/1	Harvest, killing crop 50pct standing stubble		71

Soil loss for cons. plan: 0.53 t/ac/yr Sediment delivery: 0.53 t/ac/yr T value: 5.0 t/ac/yr

Soil conditioning index (SCI): 0.476
Avg. annual slope STIR: 2.59

Corresponding RS entries



Key data from RUSLE2 reports can override the following RS Key Indicators:

- Water erosion
- Soil carbon

Sample WEPS report and corresponding RS entries

Run Summary

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

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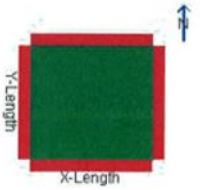
Run Date:	Monday, November 02, 2015, 09:35 AM
Client Name:	CBW-RS-TRial
Farm No:	--- **Tract No:** --- **Field No:**1
Run Location:	
Management:	
Soil:	Valentine_4834_100_LFS.ifc

Location Site Information



X-Length:	2591.2 ft	**Mode:**	NRCS
Y-Length:	2380.6 ft	**Soil Loss Tolerance (T):**	5.0 t/ac/yr
Area:	141.6 ac	**Site:**	UNITED STATES NEBRASKA KEARNEY
Elevation:	2339.2 ft	**Location:**	
Orientation:	0.0 °	**Cligen:**	
		Windgen:	

Erosion

Period	Crop/Residue	Gross Loss t/ac	Net Soil Loss From Field (t/ac) Total	Creep/Salt.	Suspen.	PM10
Rot. year: 1	Corn, grain	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
Rot. year: 2	Soybean, group II, III and IV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
Ave. Annual		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00

Crop Interval Erosion

Date Range	Days	Crop	Gross Loss t/ac	Net Soil Loss From Field (t/ac) Total	Creep/Salt.	Suspen.	PM10
Oct 06, 02 - Oct 01, 01	362	Corn, grain	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
Oct 02, 01 - Oct 05, 02	369	Soybean, group II, III and IV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00

Harvests

Date	Crop	Residue lb/ac	Harvest Yield	Yield % Moisture
Oct 01, 01	Corn, grain	5,070	88.6 bu/ac	15.5
Oct 05, 02	Soybean, group II, III and IV	3,021	34.1 bu/ac	13.0

Barriers

Location	Type	Height ft	Width ft	Porosity %
North	Peren Grass Barrier 1 row	2.6	1.6	70.0
East	Peren Grass Barrier 1 row	2.6	1.6	70.0

Run Summary

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Barriers

Location	Type	Height ft	Width ft	Porosity %
South	Peren Grass Barrier 1 row	2.6	1.6	70.0
West	Peren Grass Barrier 1 row	2.6	1.6	70.0

SCI Summary

Soil Conditioning Index:	0.4	SCI Subfactors	
Energy Calculator:	1.9 gal diesel/ac	OM:	-0.25
Average Annual STIR:	4.5	FO:	0.96
Wind Erosion Soil Loss:	0.0 t/ac	ER:	0.79
Water Erosion Soil	0.5 t/ac		

Rotation Stir Energy

Date	Operation	Fuel	Stir	Energy Btu/ac	Cost USD/ac
May 01, 01	Planter, double disk opnr	Diesel	2.4	53,881	1.54
Oct 01, 01	Harvest, killing crop 50pct standing stubble	Diesel	0.1	187,386	5.36
May 10, 02	Drill or airseeder, double disk	Diesel	6.3	44,152	1.26
Oct 05, 02	Harvest, killing crop 50pct standing stubble	Diesel	0.1	187,386	5.36
		Total / ac		472,805	13.51
		Total	9.1	66,954,372	1,913.55

Crop Interval Stir Energy

Date Range	Crop	Stir	Energy Btu/ac	Cost USD/ac
Oct 06, 02 - Oct 01, 01	Corn, grain	2.6	241,267	6.90
Oct 02, 01 - Oct 05, 02	Soybean, group II, III and IV	6.5	231,538	6.62

Notes

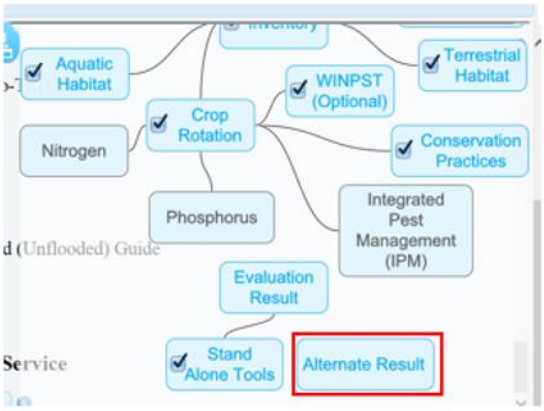
Corresponding RS entries

Use WEPS:	YES	
Soil Loss Tolerance (T) Value - Wind:	5	tons/acre/year
Soil Loss - Wind:	0	tons/acre/year
Soil Conditioning Index (SCI):	.4	
Annual Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR):	4.5	
Assessment Date:	11/02/2015	

Key data from WEPS reports can override the following RS Key Indicators:

- Wind erosion
- Soil carbon

6. Click the **Roadmap** icon to open the Roadmap and select **Alternate Result** to view the evaluation (click the Roadmap icon again to dismiss the Roadmap).

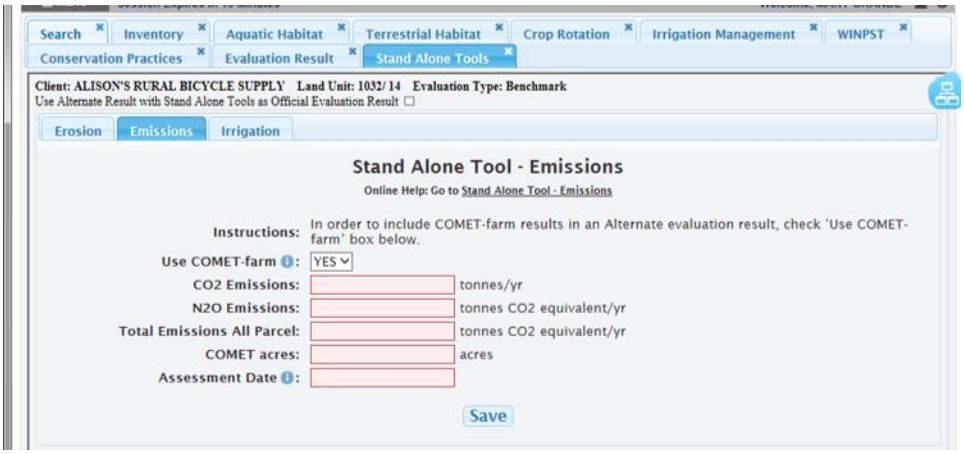


Below is an example of what the final evaluation looks like when the IET Stand Alone Tool is utilized instead of the standard Resource Stewardship results.

Emissions Stand Alone Tool

COMET-farm results can be used as a Stand Alone Tool evaluation result in RS to evaluate emissions.

1. Select the **Stand Alone Tools** tab, then select **Emissions**.



2. Answer the corresponding questions based on the COMET-farm report.

COMET-farm Inputs

Use COMET-farm: Yes/No. Select Yes to use result in Alternative Evaluation

CO2 Emissions: Number from -10000 to 10000 (three decimal places allowed). Unit is tonnes CO2 equivalent/yr.

N2O Emissions: Number from -10000 to 10000 (three decimal places allowed). Unit is tonnes CO2 equivalent/yr.

Total Emissions All Parcel: Number from -10000 to 10000 (three decimal places allowed). Unit is tonnes CO2 equivalent/yr.

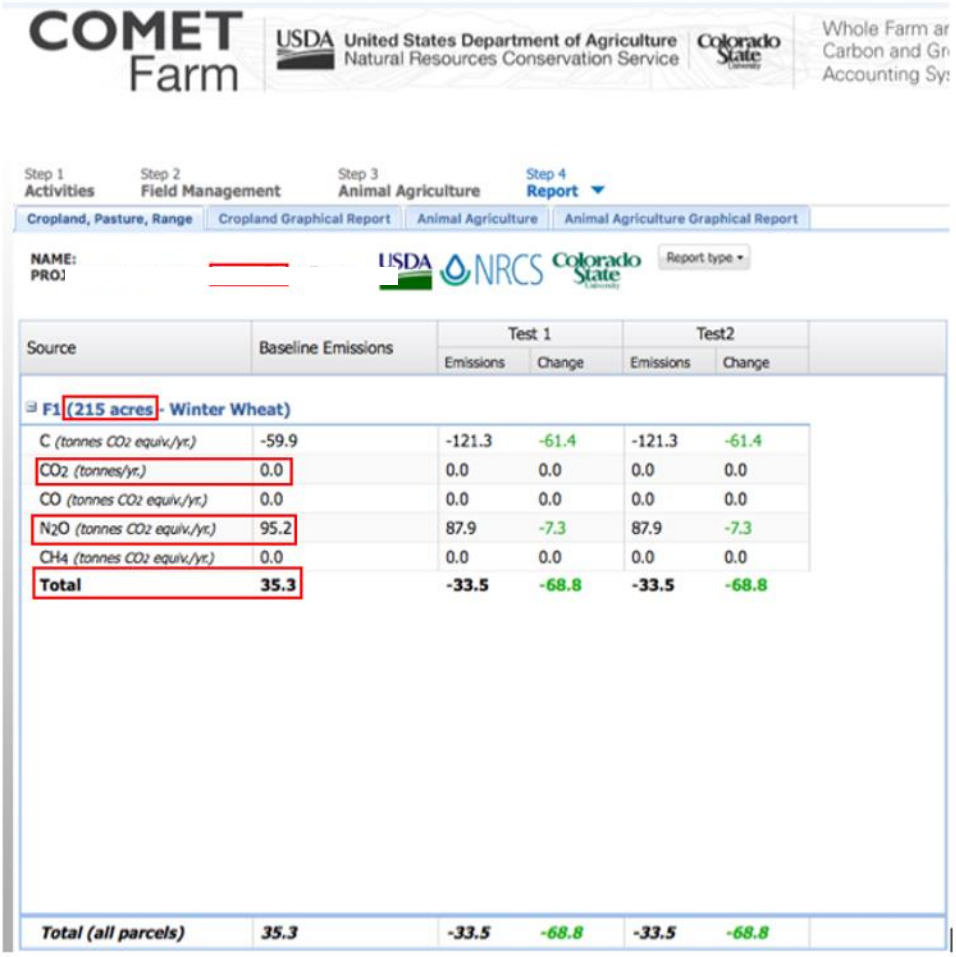
COMET acres: Number from 0.01 to 100000 (two decimal places allowed). Unit is tonnes CO2 equivalent/yr. Unit is acres.

Assessment Date: MM/DD/YYYY

3. If you want to use the Emissions Stand Alone Tool to replace the standard evaluation result, check **Use Alternate Result with Stand Alone Tools as Official Evaluation Result** at the top of the page.

4. Click **Save**.

Below is an example of a COMET-farm report and the RS corresponding entries.



COMET Farm | USDA United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service | Colorado State University | Whole Farm and Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Accounting System

Step 1 Activities | Step 2 Field Management | Step 3 Animal Agriculture | Step 4 Report

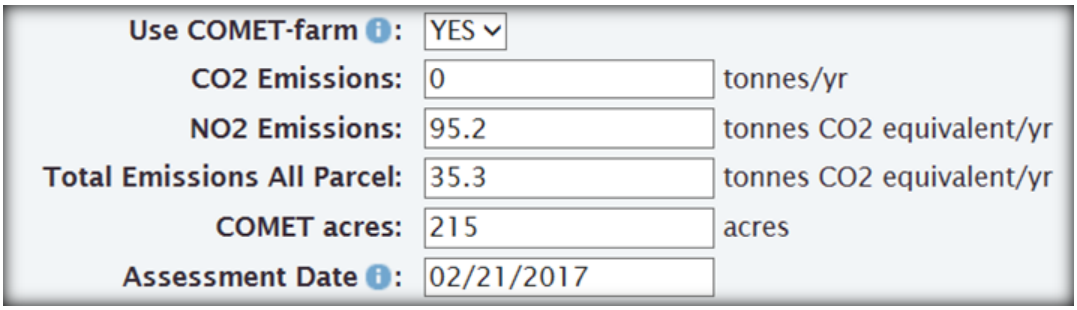
Cropland, Pasture, Range | Cropland Graphical Report | Animal Agriculture | Animal Agriculture Graphical Report

NAME:
PROJ

USDA NRCS Colorado State University | Report type

Source	Baseline Emissions	Test 1		Test2	
		Emissions	Change	Emissions	Change
F1 (215 acres - Winter Wheat)					
C (tonnes CO_2 equiv./yr.)	-59.9	-121.3	-61.4	-121.3	-61.4
CO_2 (tonnes/yr.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO (tonnes CO_2 equiv./yr.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
N_2O (tonnes CO_2 equiv./yr.)	95.2	87.9	-7.3	87.9	-7.3
CH_4 (tonnes CO_2 equiv./yr.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	**35.3**	**-33.5**	**-68.8**	**-33.5**	**-68.8**
Total (all parcels)	***35.3***	***-33.5***	***-68.8***	***-33.5***	***-68.8***

RS corresponding entries.



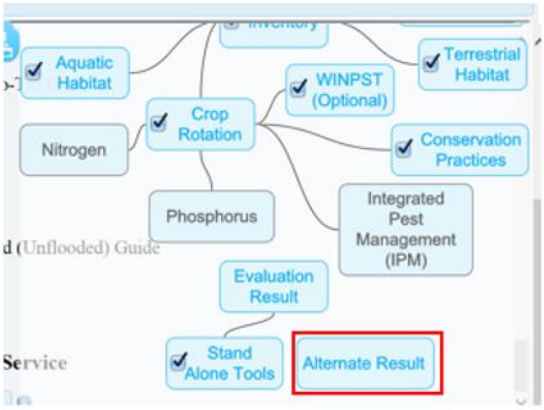
Use COMET-farm:	YES	
CO2 Emissions:	0	tonnes/yr
NO2 Emissions:	95.2	tonnes CO2 equivalent/yr
Total Emissions All Parcel:	35.3	tonnes CO2 equivalent/yr
COMET acres:	215	acres
Assessment Date:	02/21/2017	

Data from COMET-farm reports can override the following Resource Stewardship Air Quality Key Indicators:

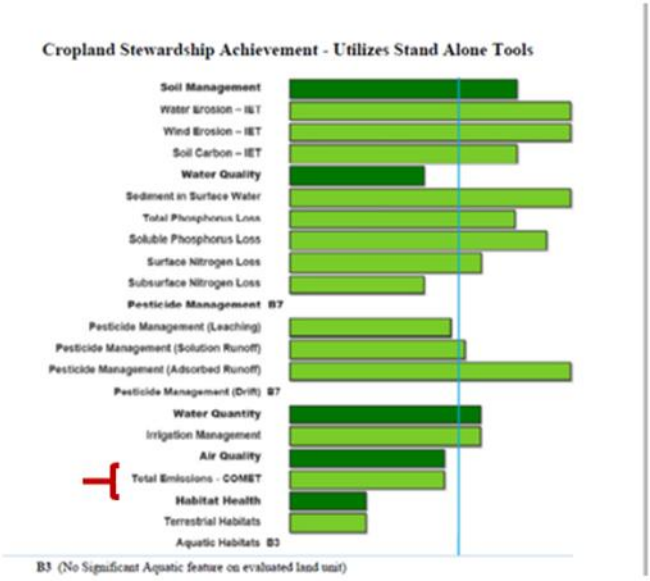
- Soil Carbon
- Nitrogen Loss to Air

These two Key Indicators will be replaced with one new Key Indicator: Total Emissions – COMET (see below for example). If both an erosion tool and COMET are used, always give precedence to COMET results under Air Quality.

5. Click the **Roadmap** icon to open the Roadmap and select **Alternate Result** to view the evaluation (click the Roadmap icon again to dismiss the Roadmap).



Negative emissions are a good thing (over the threshold). Likewise, positive emissions are bad (below the threshold). The total emissions number is always across full acreage.



Irrigation Stand Alone Tool

Rather than running FIRI "Light" in the Irrigation Management tab, externally run National FIRI results or state irrigation tool results can be entered into RS in the Stand Alone Tools tab.

1. Select the **Stand Alone Tools** tab, then select **Irrigation**.

2. Answer the corresponding questions.

Stand Alone Irrigation inputs

Use Stand Alone Irrigation Tool: Yes/No. Select Yes to use result in Alternative Evaluation

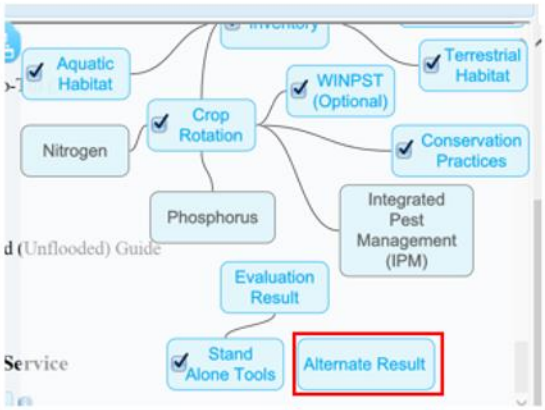
Irrigation Tool Type: Select National FIRI or State Irrigation Tool

Irrigation system efficiency: Percentage from 1 to 100

Assessment Date: MM/DD/YYYY

3. Click **Save**.

4. Click the **Roadmap** icon to open the Roadmap and select **Alternate Result** to view the evaluation (click the Roadmap icon again to dismiss the Roadmap).



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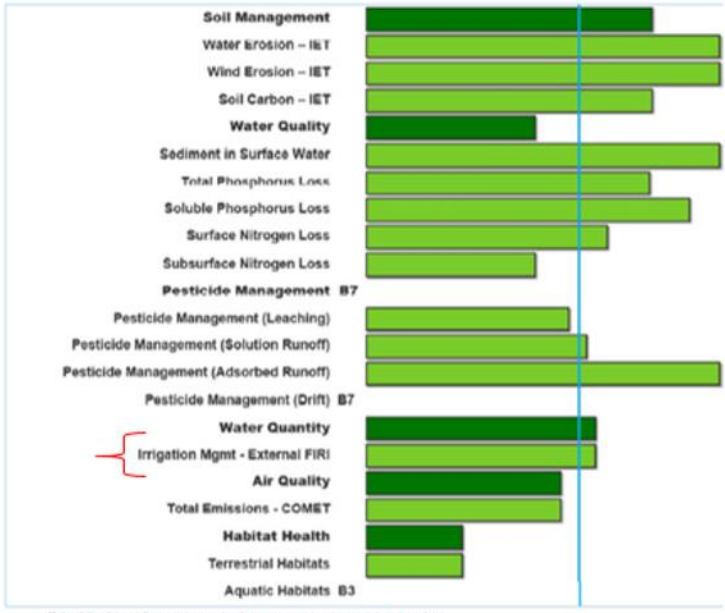

B3 (No Significant Aquatic feature on evaluated land unit)
B7 (Per the evaluation of input data, no stewardship points were identified for this result area)